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Federal 'Do Not Call List' Announced

(LANSING) – Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, announced today that those pesky telemarketing phone calls can now be curbed thanks to a database established by the Federal Trade Commission.

“The establishment of the Do-Not-Call list will enable residents to block those unwanted solicitation calls,” said McManus. “I am pleased that measures have been taken that will allow families to enjoy their evenings together without the hassle of telephone solicitors.”

Residents can link to the registration page by visiting the Senate Republican Web site at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/. In addition, residents will be able to register from their own home phone beginning July 7. Enrollment is free.

In fact, consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do-Not-Call list late last year. Sen. McManus added that lawmakers recognized a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list if one was created.

“The eagerly expected Do-Not-Call list sets the wheels in motion for residents to halt nuisance phone calls,” said McManus.

However, Sen. McManus cautioned residents of the 35th Senate District about a new wave of scams targeting the widespread interest in the Do-Not-Call registry.

“Consumers should know that registration with the Federal Trade Commission is free and cannot be done through private companies,” she said.

For more information on how to register for the Do-Not-Call list or how to avoid a Do-Not-Call scam, contact Sen. McManus’ office at (517) 373-1725.